

January 28, 2005- I Am Here to Help As Much As Possible

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With the new session of Congress getting underway, I am continuing my fight for West Virginia. My main focus in Congress will continue to be my efforts to create new jobs and strengthen the economy of Southern West Virginia. I have written recently about the Three T's - Transportation, Technology and Tourism - and how they will play a huge role in economic development.

As your Congressman, I try to make myself as available as possible to all of the residents of the 3rd District. One of the ways I can help represent my fellow West Virginians in Congress is through my mobile office.

The mobile office is a way for my Representatives in the District to get into towns across Southern West Virginia. I encourage everyone who wants to share their opinions or get help with a Federal government concern to stop by and talk with my staff at the mobile office.

In fact, in 2004 the mobile office traveled approximately 41,283 miles for a total of 436 different stops along the way. The mobile office made stops at post offices, senior centers, libraries, court houses, and veterans' centers. In addition to these miles, my staff made stops on special request from constituents and attended events that I was unable to attend. They are definitely working hard to reach Southern West Virginians and I encourage you all to contact my office if there is any way I can help.

In addition to the mobile office, I have offices that you can always contact. We have the office in Washington, DC as well as District offices across Southern West Virginia in Beckley, Bluefield, Huntington, Lewisburg and Logan. Contact information for all of these offices is at the bottom of this column.

I encourage you to contact one of my offices if I can be of assistance, or if you want to share your opinion with me. Due to the anthrax attacks on Congress in 2002, the mail in Washington DC is still grossly slow. Therefore, the best way to contact me through the mail is to write your local office. Your concerns will be addressed much quicker this way.

The mobile office will continue to run in 2005 and I will post the schedule on my website and announced in the local media. Come and talk to one of my District Representatives when the mobile office makes its way near your town.

Contact information for my offices:

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Lewisburg, WV 24901

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